



# STATE OF CONNECTICUT

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

### Drinking Water Section

#### **Circular Letter DWS 2011-02**

To: Community Public Water Systems

From: Lori Mathieu, Public Health Section Chief, Drinking Water Section

Subject: Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) Program Changes

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### **Important NEW Changes to the DWSRF Program for State Fiscal Years 2012 and 2013**

#### **The next DWSRF Call For Projects is coming soon**

1. The DWSRF Program is planning to change to a 2 year funding cycle to coincide with Connecticut's biennial capital budget cycle (July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2013). If you have a project that you intend to seek DWSRF funding for during this period (July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2013), a DWSRF Eligibility Application must be received by the DPH by the date due, which will be announced soon.
2. Projects that are selected to receive funding during this 2 year funding cycle may receive funding in the first year, second year or partial funding in both years. The DPH will determine which year(s) each of these projects will be funded based on the following:
  - a. public health benefits of each project; and
  - b. the ability of project to satisfy federal requirements with regard to the disposition of funds (i.e. satisfying Small Systems and Green Project Reserve requirements); and
  - c. each project's readiness to proceed with certain project elements (planning, design or construction) within the designated year.
3. The DWSRF Program will make changes to the way in which subsidization is distributed to projects. The federal 2011 appropriation requires states to use a minimum of 30% of the capitalization grant to subsidize projects. Further details regarding the distribution of subsidization funds are being worked on and will be published in the Draft DWSRF Intended Use Plan later this year.

The Drinking Water Section (DWS) is currently updating the DWSRF Eligibility Application Form to incorporate current requirements. The form will be made available on or before the date the Call For Projects is announced. Please do not submit any project using a previous version of this form. If a project Eligibility Application is received on a previous version, the DWS reserves the right to reject and return for resubmittal using the current form. If you have any questions, please contact DWSRF Program staff at (860) 509-7333.

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